

REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 11, 18-20, 50-52, 54, 55, 60 and 67-81 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 50 are amended, and claims 72-81 are added. No new matter is added.

Claims 1 and 50 are amended to better recite the claimed features. Support for the claims is found in the disclosure as originally filed, for example, at paragraphs [0059] to [0061] of the originally filed specification.

For the following reasons, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claim rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 5-7, 11, 18-20, 50, 54, 55, 60 and 67-71 are rejected under U.S.C. § 103(a) over Gewickey et al. (U.S. Pub. No. 2003/0028892), and further in view of Kanazawa et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,580,870).

Also, claims 2, 3, 4, 51 and 52 are rejected under U.S.C. § 103(a) Gewickey and Kanazawa, and further in view of Tsumagari et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2003/0161615).

The rejections are respectfully traversed.

It is respectfully submitted that Gewickey and Kanazawa, either individually or in combination, fail to disclose or suggest a method for connecting a media player to a remote server, wherein the determining step further includes identifying a current operating mode and determining whether to request the connection to the remote server, based on a result of the identifying, the current operating mode being distinguished by a playback state of either a general storage medium or an interactive storage medium, and the connection to the remote server is not performed if the current operating mode is the playback state of the interactive storage medium, and the connection to the remote server is performed if the current operating mode is the playback state of the general storage medium or a non-playback state, of claim 1.

Additionally, it is respectfully submitted that Gewickey and Kanazawa, either individually or in combination, fail to disclose or suggest each and every feature of claim 50, which recites similar features of varying scope.

Specifically, none of the applied references discloses or suggest that the connection to the remote server is performed if the current operating mode is the playback state of the general storage medium or a non-playback state.

In the Office Action, the Examiner acknowledges that Gewickey is deficient, but the Examiner states that Figs. 20-22, and col. 16 line 15-col. 17 line 47 of Kanazawa “illustrates a method for determining whether to request the connection to the remote server based on a result of the analyzing wherein the determining step includes performing the connection to the remote server, in accordance with the connection information”, and states that this corresponds to the recited determining whether to request the connection to the remote server, based on a result of the analyzing, wherein the determining step includes performing the connection to the remote server, if the connection to the remote server is permitted, in accordance with the connection information, of claim 1.

Applicants note that Kanazawa simply discloses a display of HTML content when a web button is pressed during playback of a DVD video, and fails to disclose the specifics of the determining step. Accordingly, Kanazawa is deficient, and fails to remedy the deficiency of Gewickey.

Further, claim 1 recites performing the connection to the remote server if the connection to the remote server is permitted, in accordance with the connection information, and claim 1 is amended to further define the connection to the remote server being performed if the current operating mode is the playback state of the general storage medium or a non-playback state.

Neither Gewickey nor Kanazawa disclose or teach the above described feature of amended claim 1.

Thus, based on all of the above, Gewickey and Kanazawa, either individually or in combination, fail to disclose or suggest each and every feature of claim 1, and also fail to disclose or suggest each and every feature of claim 50, which recites similar features of varying scope. Accordingly, claims 1 and 50 are patentable over the applied references and their combination.

The respective dependent claims are also patentably distinguishable over the applied references and their combination for at least the reasons discussed above and/or for the additional features they recite.

Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

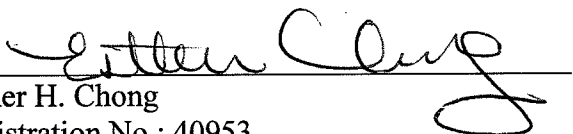
In view of the above, applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Seth S. Kim, Registration No. 54577, at the telephone number of the undersigned below to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Director is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge any fees required during the pendency of the above-identified application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448.

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